BALTIMORE CITY--COMMISSION FOR HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL PRESERVATION

CDBG SURVEY YEAR: SURVEY NO.: B-4279
AREA: Middle East MAGI NO.: 0442795611

ADDRESS: 628 North Chester Street CURRENT NAME: Marcelle's Restaurant

BLOCK: 1636 LOT: 28 LOT SIZE: 15 ft. x 86.5 ft. HEIGHT: 3 MATERIALS: Brick, Formstone OWNER: John W. Hammock

ADDRESS:

USE: Commercial/residential ACCESSIBLE: Yes, restricted LIBER/FOLIO: SEB 64-206

HISTORIC NAME: Andrew Berge and Son Paints

DATE: Ca. 1885 ARCHITECT/BUILDER: STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE):

DESCRIPTION:

This is one of only two three-story buildings in the 600 block of North Chester Street. The facade has three bays above the street-level storefront. The original brick surface is covered with Formstone and the storefront and main cornices have been removed. The storefront is composed of a projecting display window and side entrance door with transoms above both the window and door. The upper stories are entered via a separate door on the south side of the facade. The door is modern, but the transom remains intact. The second and third story windows are one/one and have segmental arches and brick sills. The roof is flat and slopes to the rear.

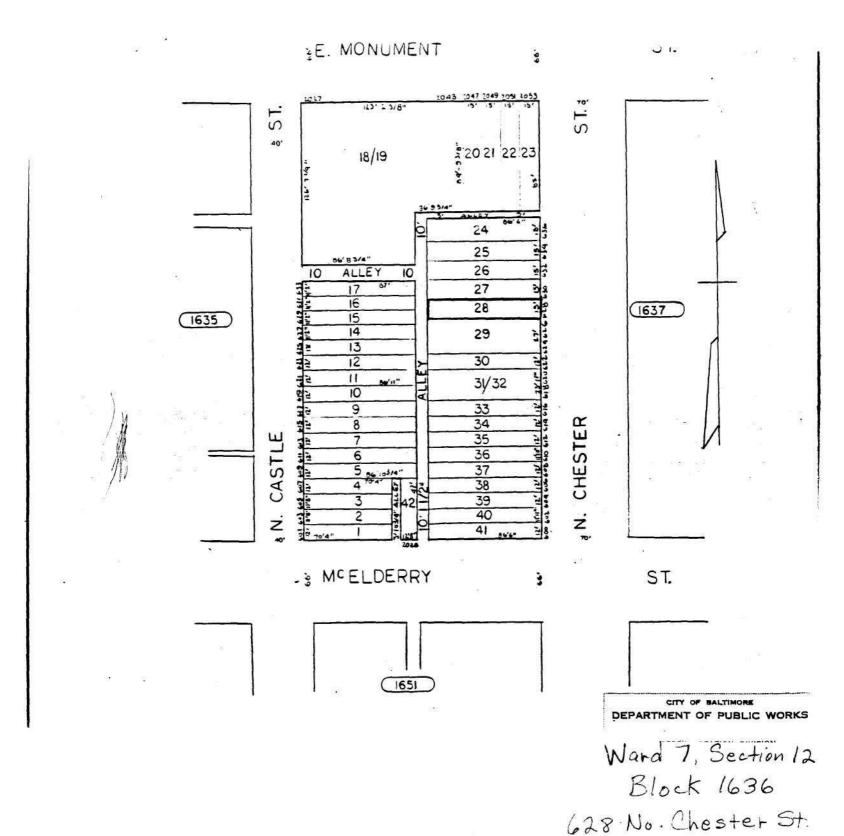
SIGNIFICANCE:

AREA: Architecture LEVEL: Local

Except for its missing cornices and the Formstone covering the facade, 628 North Chester Street retains its commercial/residential rowhouse form. The upper story windows are probably original, a relatively unusual case in the 600 block of North Chester. In the mid-1890's, Andrew Berge opened a paint store at 628 which continued until 1943. From that date to the mid-1960's, the building was used as a dry cleaners shop with apartments on the upper floors. It is now a restaurant and apartments.

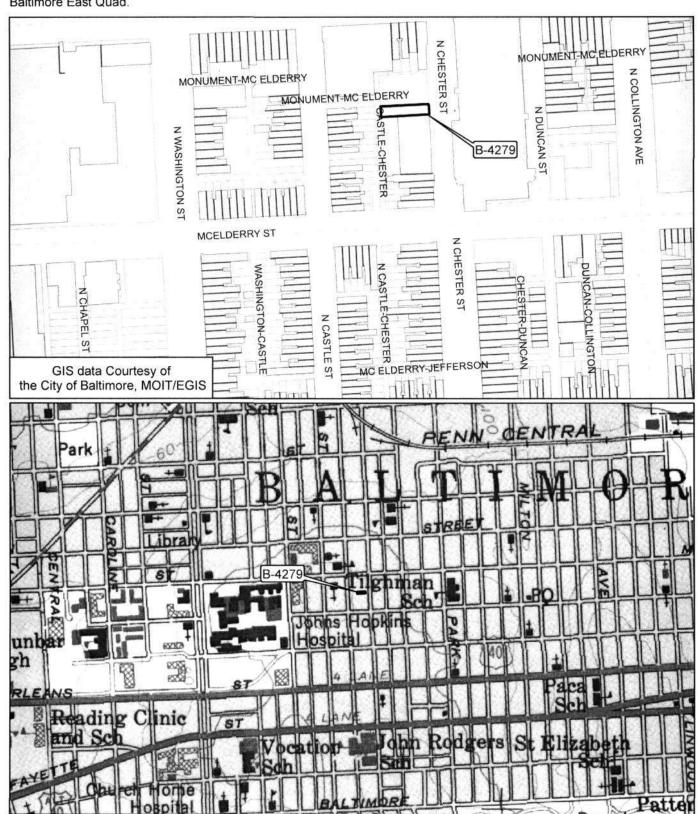
SOURCES: Land records; city directories

SURVEYOR AND DATE: Janet Davis, CHAP, June 1989



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East elevation in Street scape context